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In post-Jan. 6 era, 600 officers train for riots as threats to lawmakers climb toward record high

By **MIKE BALSAMO**
Associated Press
LAUREL, Md. (AP) — The car jolted as protesters pounded on its windows, boxing in the lawmaker trapped inside. Within seconds, officers in full riot gear surged forward in formation, yanking open the doors and pulling the passenger to safety. A few hundred yards away, another team of police moved just as quickly, surrounding, isolating and arresting a man spotted in the crowd with a gun. The clashes were staged, unfolding Friday at a Secret Service training complex in Maryland. The U.S. Capitol Police led the operation, joined by 600 officers representing nearly 20 agencies — including



During a training exercise involving local and federal law enforcement organized by the U.S. Capitol Police, people portraying protesters confront police officers wearing protective equipment at the U.S. Secret Service James J. Rowley Training Center Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, in Laurel, Md.

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the Secret Service and local police and sheriff's de-

partments — in one of the largest law enforcement training drills in the country. The goal was to sharpen coordination among the many agencies that must work side by side in Washington, a push shaped by the glaring security breakdowns of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. With 2025 on track to bring more threats against members of Congress than any year in history, law enforcement agencies are bracing for a volatile era defined by surging political violence, swelling protest movements and a more muscular federal role in local communities. The training highlighted how quickly multiple dangers can erupt at once, and how determined authorities are to prepare for the next flashpoint. The exercise comes at a moment when threats and attacks against public officials are mounting, and federal authorities have stepped more aggressively into cities to confront unrest. From the storming of the Capitol to more recent attacks targeting lawmakers and judges, the scenarios practiced in Friday's drill carried an unmistakable resonance: In today's America, the line between routine dissent and potential disaster feels increasingly thin. Commanders emphasized that the drills are not

just about riot shields and tactical maneuvers. They also showcased new tools meant to prevent the kinds of communication breakdowns that hobbled the Jan. 6 response. Drones provided real-time aerial views of the mock protests, while mobile command posts allowed leaders from different agencies to track the action simultaneously and direct units on the ground. Officials said the biggest shift since Jan. 6 has been the rhythm of coordination itself. Agencies that once trained largely in isolation now drill together, building muscle memory for rapid deployments and cross-agency communication that can determine whether a protest remains peaceful or spirals into violence. "Training like this is incredibly important," said Michael Sullivan, chief of the U.S. Capitol Police. "Making sure that we understand how the different teams work is critically important if we ever have to make that call for them to come in and help." The push reflects how deeply Jan. 6 still looms over the force. Sean Gallagher, an assistant chief who has overseen the department's response to scathing inspector general and congressional reports, said the agency is not ignoring those failures. Instead, he cast the drill as a deliberate attempt to turn lessons into action. Reflecting on the mistakes of the past, Gallagher said the agency wouldn't shy away from them, but that "this is our attempt at fixing those issues." He added: "We're facing a lot of different threats. It's a heightened political environment that we continuously operate in on Capitol Hill. We've taken the lessons of the past, we've incorporated them into these scenarios and the goal with this is to be proactive and not reactive." That urgency is felt not just in the command ranks but also on the front lines. □

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RFK. Jr's family members say he is a 'threat' to Americans' health and call for his resignation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Members of Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s family are calling for him to step down as health secretary following a contentious congressional hearing this past week, during which the Trump Cabinet official faced bipartisan questioning about his tumultuous leadership of federal health agencies.

Kennedy's sister, Kerry Kennedy, and his nephew, Joseph P. Kennedy III, issued scathing statements Friday, calling for him to resign as head of the Health and Human Services Department. The calls from the prominent Democratic family came a day after Kennedy had to defend his recent



Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr., appears before the Senate Finance Committee, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025.

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efforts to pull back COVID-19 vaccine recommendations and fire high-level officials at the Centers for Disease Control at a three-

hour Senate hearing.

"Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is a threat to the health and wellbeing of every American," Joseph P. Kennedy III

said in a post on X. The former congressman added: "None of us will be spared the pain he is inflicting." His aunt echoed those claims, saying "medical decisions belong in the hands of trained and licensed professionals, not incompetent and misguided leadership." This is not the first time Kennedy has been the subject of his family's ire. Several of his relatives had objected to his presidential run in the last campaign, while others wrote to senators earlier this year, calling for them to reject his nomination to be Trump's health secretary due to views they considered disqualifying on life-saving vaccines.

Kennedy, a longtime

leader in the anti-vaccine movement, has spent the last seven months implementing his once-niche, grassroots movement to the highest level of America's public health system. The sweeping changes to the agencies tasked with public health policy and scientific research have resulted in thousands of layoffs and the remaking of vaccine guidelines.

The moves — some of which contradict assurances he made during his confirmation hearings — have rattled medical groups and officials in several Democratic-led states, which have responded with their own vaccine advice. □

Legal aid group sues to preemptively block U.S. from deporting a dozen Honduran children

By LEAH WILLINGHAM

Associated Press

A legal aid group has sued to preemptively block any efforts by the U.S. government to deport a dozen Honduran children, saying it had "credible" information that such plans were quietly in the works.

The Arizona-based Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project on Friday added Honduran children to a lawsuit filed last weekend that resulted in a judge temporarily blocking the deportation of dozens of migrant children to their native Guatemala.

In a statement, FIRRP said it had received reports that the U.S. government will "imminently move forward with a plan to illegally remove Honduran children in government custody as soon as this weekend, in direct violation of their right to seek protection in the United States and despite ongoing litigation that blocked similar attempted extra-legal removals for children from Guatemala." The organization did not immediately provide The Associated Press with details about what information it had received about



President Donald Trump listens as Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth speaks in the Oval Office of the White House, Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, in Washington.

the possible deportation of Honduran children. The amendment to the organization's lawsuit is sealed in federal court. The Homeland Security Department did not immediately respond to email requests for comment on Friday and Saturday.

The Justice Department on Saturday provided what is perhaps its most detailed account of a chaotic Labor Day weekend involving

the attempted deportation of 76 Guatemalan children. Its timeline was part of a request to lift a temporary hold on their removal.

Over Labor Day weekend, the Trump administration attempted to remove Guatemalan children who had come to the U.S. alone and were living in shelters or with foster care families in the U.S.

Advocates who represent migrant children in court

filed lawsuits across the country seeking to stop the government from removing the children, and on Sunday a federal judge stepped in to order that the kids stay in the U.S. for at least two weeks.

The government initially identified 457 Guatemalan children for possible deportation, according to Saturday's filing. None could have a pending asylum screening or claim, result-

ing in the removal of 91. They had to have parents or legal guardians in Guatemala and be at least 10 years old.

In the end, 327 children were found eligible for deportation, including 76 who boarded planes early Sunday in what the government described as a first phase, according to a statement by Angie Salazar, acting director of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department's Office of Refugee Resettlement. All 76 were at least 14 years old and "self-reported" that they had a parent or legal guardian in Guatemala but none in the United States.

The Justice Department said no planes took off, despite a comment by one of its attorneys in court Sunday that one may have taken off but returned.

Children who cross the border alone are generally transferred to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which falls under the Health and Human Services Department. The children usually live in a network of shelters across the country that are overseen by the resettlement office until they are eventually released. □

Trump threatens Chicago with apocalyptic force and Pritzker calls him a 'wannabe dictator'

By **WILL WEISSERT**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Saturday amplified his promises to send National Guard troops and immigration agents to Chicago by posting a parody image from "Apocalypse Now" featuring a ball of flames as helicopters zoom over the nation's third-largest city.

"I love the smell of deportations in the morning," Trump wrote on his social media site. "Chicago about to find out why it's called the Department of WAR."

The president offered no details beyond the label "Chipocalypse Now," a play on the title of Francis Ford Coppola's dystopian 1979 film set in the Vietnam war, in which a character says: "I love the smell of nappalm in the morning."

In response to the post, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, a Democrat, called Trump a "wannabe dictator."

Trump on Friday signed an executive order seeking to rename the Defense Department the Department



Police watch during the 2025 Pilsen Mexican Independence Day parade Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, in Chicago.

of War, after months of campaigning to be considered for the Nobel Peace Prize. The renaming requires congressional approval.

The illustration in Trump's post shows him against a backdrop of the Chicago skyline, wearing a hat matching that of the movie's war-loving and amoral Lt. Col. Kilgore, played by Robert Duvall.

Trump's weekend post follows his repeated threats to add Chicago to the list of other Democratic-led cities he's targeted for ex-

panded federal enforcement. His administration is set to step up immigration enforcement in Chicago, as it did in Los Angeles, and deploy National Guard troops.

In addition to sending troops to Los Angeles in June, Trump has deployed them since last month in Washington, as part of his unprecedented law enforcement takeover of the nation's capital.

He's also suggested that Baltimore and New Orleans could get the same

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treatment, and on Friday even mentioned federal authorities possibly heading for Portland, Oregon, to "wipe 'em out," meaning protesters. He could have been mistakenly describing video from demonstrations in that city years ago.

Details about Trump's promised Chicago operation have been sparse, but there's already widespread opposition. City and state leaders have said they plan to sue the Trump administration. Pritzker, a possible 2028 presidential can-

didate, is also fiercely opposed to it.

The president "is threatening to go to war with an American city," Pritzker wrote on X over an image of Trump's post. "This is not a joke. This is not normal."

He added: "Donald Trump isn't a strongman, he's a scared man. Illinois won't be intimidated by a wannabe dictator."

Trump has suggested that he has nearly limitless powers when it comes to deploying the National Guard. At times he's even touched on questions about his being a dictator.

"Most people are saying, 'If you call him a dictator, if he stops crime, he can be whatever he wants' — I am not a dictator, by the way," Trump said last month. He added, "Not that I don't have — I would — the right to do anything I want to do."

"I'm the president of the United States," Trump said then. "If I think our country is in danger — and it is in danger in these cities — I can do it." □

A decades-long peace vigil outside the White House is dismantled after Trump's order

By **PABLO MONSIVAIS and FARNOUSH AMIRI**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Law enforcement officials on Sunday removed a peace vigil that had stood outside the White House for more than four decades after President Donald Trump ordered it to be taken down as part of the clearing of homeless encampments in the nation's capital.

Philipos Melaku-Bello, a volunteer who has manned the vigil for years, told The Associated Press that the Park Police removed it early Sunday morning. He said officials justified the removal by mislabeling the memorial as a shelter.

"The difference between an encampment and a vigil is that an encampment is where homeless people live," Melaku-Bello said. "As you can see, I

don't have a bed. I have signs and it is covered by the First Amendment right to freedom of speech and freedom of expression."

The White House confirmed the removal, telling AP in a statement that the vigil was a "hazard to those visiting the White House and the surrounding areas."

Taking down the vigil is the latest in a series of actions the Trump administration has ordered as part of its federal takeover of policing in the city, which began last month. The White House has defended the intervention as needed to fulfill Trump's executive order on the "beautification" of D.C.

Melaku-Bello said he's in touch with attorneys about what he sees as a civil rights violation. "They're choosing to call a place that is not an encampment an



Philipos Melaku-Bello talks to people during Peace Vigil in Lafayette Park across from the White House in Washington, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025.

encampment just to fit what is in Trump's agenda of removing the encampments," he said.

The vigil was started in 1981 by activist William Thomas to promote nuclear disarmament and an end to global conflicts. It is believed to be the longest

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continuous anti-war protest in U.S. history. When Thomas died in 2009, other protesters like Melaku-Bello manned the tiny tent and the banner, which read "Live by the bomb, die by the bomb," around the clock to avoid it being dismantled by authorities.

The small but persistent act of protest was brought to Trump's attention during an event at the White House on Friday.

Brian Glenn, a correspondent for the conservative network Real America's Voice, told Trump the blue tent was an "eyesore" for those who come to the White House.

"Just out front of the White House is a blue tent that originally was put there to be an anti-nuclear tent for nuclear arms," Glenn said. "It's kind of morphed into more of an anti-American, sometimes anti-Trump at many times."

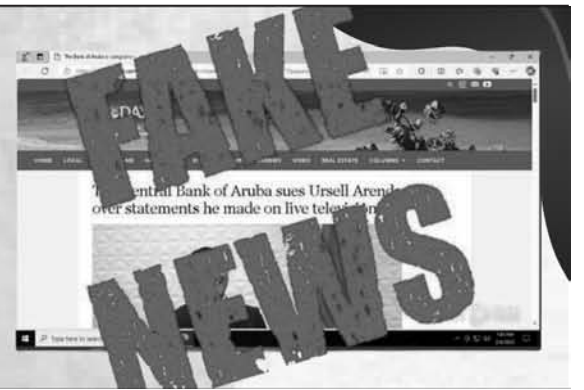
Trump, who said he was not aware of it, told his staff: "Take it down. Take it down today, right now."

Melaku-Bello said that Glenn spread misinformation when he told the president that the tent had. □

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Israel's Supreme Court says government is not giving Palestinian prisoners enough food

By NATALIE MELZER

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israel's Supreme Court on Sunday ruled that the government has failed to provide Palestinian security prisoners with adequate food for basic subsistence and ordered authorities to improve their nutrition.

The decision was a rare case in which the country's highest court ruled against the government's conduct during the nearly two-year war.

Since the war began, Israel has seized thousands of people in Gaza that it suspects of links to Hamas. Thousands have also been released without charge, often after months of detention.

Rights groups have documented widespread abuse



in prisons and detention facilities, including insufficient food and health care, as well as poor sanitary conditions and beatings. In March, a 17-year-old Palestinian boy died at an Israeli prison and doctors said starvation was likely the main cause of death.

Sunday's ruling came in response to a petition

brought last year by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and the Israeli rights group Gisha. The groups alleged that a change in the food policy enacted after the war in Gaza began has caused prisoners to suffer malnutrition and starvation. Last year, National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, who oversees the prison

system, boasted that he had reduced the conditions of security prisoners to what he described as the bare minimum required by Israeli law.

In Sunday's ruling, the panel of three justices ruled unanimously that the state is legally obligated to provide prisoners with enough food to ensure "a basic level of existence."

In the 2-1 ruling, the justices said they found "indications that the current food supply to prisoners does not sufficiently guarantee compliance with the legal standard." They said they had found "real doubts" that prisoners were eating properly, and ordered the prison service to "take steps to ensure the supply of food that allows for basic subsistence conditions in accordance

with the law."

Ben-Gvir, who leads a small far-right ultranationalist party, lashed out at the ruling, saying that while Israeli hostages in Gaza have no one to help them, Israel's Supreme Court "to our disgrace" is defending Hamas militants. He said the policy of providing prisoners with "the most minimal conditions stipulated by the law" would continue unchanged.

ACRI called for the verdict to be implemented immediately. In a post on X, it said the prison service has "turned Israeli prisons into torture camps."

"A state does not starve people," it said. "People do not starve people — no matter what they have done." □

South Korea will bring home 300 workers detained in massive Hyundai plant raid in Georgia

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — More than 300 South Korean workers detained following a massive immigration raid at a Hyundai plant in Georgia will be released and brought home, the South Korean government announced Sunday.

Kang Hoon-sik, chief of staff for President Lee Jae Myung, said that South Korea and the U.S. had finalized negotiations on the workers' release. He said South Korea plans to send a charter plane to bring the workers home as soon as remaining administrative steps are completed.

Foreign Minister Cho Hyun is to leave for the U.S. on Monday for talks related to the workers' releases, South



This image from video provided by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement via DVIDS shows manufacturing plant employees waiting to have their legs shackled at the Hyundai Motor Group's electric vehicle plant, Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025, in Ellabell, Ga.

Korean media reported. U.S. immigration authorities said Friday they detained 475 people, most of them South Korean nationals, when hundreds of federal

agents raided Hyundai's sprawling manufacturing site in Georgia where the Korean automaker makes electric vehicles. Agents focused on a plant that is

still under construction at which Hyundai has partnered with LG Energy Solution to produce batteries that power EVs.

Cho said that more than

300 South Koreans were among the detained.

The operation was the latest in a long line of workplace raids conducted as part of the Trump administration's mass deportation agenda. But the one on Thursday is especially distinct because of its large size and the fact that state officials have long called the targeted site Georgia's largest economic development project.

The raid stunned many in South Korea because the country is a key U.S. ally. It agreed in July to purchase \$100 billion in U.S. energy and make a \$350 billion investment in the U.S. in return for the U.S. lowering tariff rates. □

Associated Press

Boko Haram militants kill 60 in an attack in Nigeria's northeast

By **HARUNA UMAR, DYEKAZAH SHIBAYAN and MARK BANCHEREAU**

Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)

— Boko Haram militants killed dozens of people in a nighttime assault on a village in northeastern Nigeria that is home to residents who had recently returned from a camp for internally displaced persons, authorities said.

The attack on Darul Jamal in the Bama local government area took place late Friday and killed at least 60 people, a resident of the village, Mohammed Babagana, told The Associated Press.

Borno state Gov. Babagana Zulum, who visited the attacked community late Saturday evening, confirmed to reporters that over 60 died in the attack. "We sympathize with the people and have pleaded with them not to abandon



Borno state Governor Babagana Zulum, center back, speaks to people affected by a Boko Haram attack, as he visits the area in Darul Jamal, Nigeria, Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025.

Associated Press

their homes as we have made arrangements to improve the security and provide food and other life-saving items that they have lost," Zulum said.

The chairman of Bama's local government, Modu Gujja, said over a dozen houses were burnt and more than 100 people were forced to flee.

Taiwo Adebayo, a re-

searcher specializing in Boko Haram at the Institute for Security Studies, spoke to residents of Darul Jamal and said the killings on Friday night were carried out by a faction of Boko Haram known as Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati wal-Jihad.

Boko Haram, Nigeria's homegrown jihadis, took up arms in 2009 to fight

Western education and impose their radical version of Islamic law. The conflict has spilled into Nigeria's northern neighbors, including Niger, and resulted in the death of around 35,000 civilians and the displacement of more than 2 million others, according to the United Nations.

Boko Haram split into two factions after the death of the group's longtime leader, Abubakar Shekau, in 2021.

One faction is backed by the Islamic State group and is known as the Islamic State West Africa Province, or ISWAP. It has become notorious for targeting military positions.

The other faction, Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati wal-Jihad, or JAS, has increasingly resorted to attacking civilians and perceived collaborators and thrives on robberies and abductions for ransom.

"When JAS attacks and kills a lot of people like they did last night in Bama, it's usually that they suspect the victims of spying for the rival ISWAP or the military," Adebayo told the AP.

The Bama local government area was the target of several Boko Haram attacks a decade ago, forcing many residents to flee. Following military operations in the area in recent years, authorities had resettled displaced people in several communities, most recently the village of Darul Jamal in July.

Kaana Ali, a Darul Jamal resident, said he decided to leave the community for good after he confirmed the deaths of close family friends in the attack on Friday. "But the governor is still begging us to stay back as more protection would be provided to secure our community," he said. □

Veteran Thai politician who helped legalize cannabis becomes the new prime minister

By **JINTAMAS SAKSORNCHAI**

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Anutin Charnvirakul, a veteran politician best known for successfully lobbying to decriminalize cannabis in Thailand, became the country's prime minister after receiving a royal endorsement Sunday.

Anutin, 58, succeeds Paetongtarn Shinawatra of the Pheu Thai Party, who was dismissed last week after being found guilty of ethics violations over a politically compromising phone call with neighboring Cambodia's Senate President Hun Sen.

The phone call took place before a border dispute between the two nations turned into a deadly five-day armed conflict in July that raised fears of a full-blown war in the region.

Thailand's new prime minister served in Paetongtarn's Cabinet as a deputy prime minister and an interior minister, but resigned from his positions and withdrew his party from her coalition



Thailand's new Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul talks to media members after receiving a royal letter of endorsement for the post at Bhumjai Thai party headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025.

government after news of the leaked phone call caused public uproar.

Letter of appointment Anutin received a letter of appointment in a ceremony at his Bhumjaithai Party's headquarters in Bangkok, attended by senior members of parties expected to join his coalition government. They wore white civil servants' uniforms used for

royal and state ceremonies.

"I'd like to take an oath that I determine to perform my duties to my fullest capabilities, with honesty and virtue," he read out a statement after receiving the endorsement.

Speaking to reporters after the ceremony, Anutin said his government will seek to address the country's

urgent problems, including the economy, the border conflict with Cambodia, natural disasters and crimes.

He also said he will commit to an earlier promise he made to rewrite the constitution and call an early election "to return power to the people to decide on the future of the country."

A conditional win

He won the vote in Parliament on Friday with support from the main opposition People's Party. In exchange for their votes, Anutin has promised to dissolve Parliament within four months and organize a referendum on the drafting of a new constitution by an elected constituent assembly.

The People's Party said it would remain part of the opposition, leaving the new government potentially a minority one. The party, which runs on progressive platforms, has long sought changes to the constitution, imposed during a military government, saying they want to make it more democratic.

Pheu Thai said after Anutin won the vote that it would become an opposition party.

An experienced policy-maker

Anutin successfully petitioned for the decriminalization of cannabis, which happened in 2022. □



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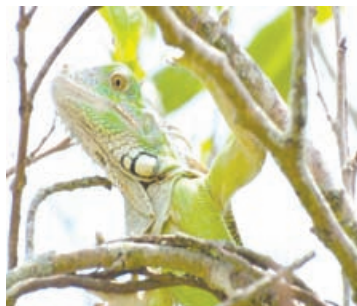
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Sun catchers: The different lizards in Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Colorful or camouflaged, you're bound to encounter a variety of lizards basking in the sun or scurrying on their way in our island. From the charming, friendly iguanas to the good-luck gecko Pega-Pega, you're bound to meet a few of these special residents during your visit.

Aruba, as a desert island, is home to an incredible variety of unique and colorful species. Among them we can find different lizards, most of which have South American origins. But there are a few exceptions.

Iguanas



Iguanas are easy to spot, as they are larger than most other lizards and when young, have a bright green color that makes them stand out.

The iguanas usually found in Aruba are the Iguana iguana, known as the green iguana, or locally as Yuwana. The Yuwana are a mostly herbivorous species, and can grow up to 2 meters in size, including the tail, making them one of the largest in the iguana family. As you will see, despite their name, as they reach adulthood, the iguanas can take on a grey or blue tone instead of the bright green displayed by the young ones. In Aruba – as in the rest of the Kingdom of the Netherlands – the most usual color var-

ies from green to lavender, black and sometimes a reddish brown.

Yuwana is a protected species, as it is listed under Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), meaning that international trade is regulated through the CITES permit system. In the past, Arubans used to eat a popular Yuwana soup, as it was believed to give strength and help restore health – probably due to the protein boost it delivered. However, it is now illegal to catch, kill, buy or sell Yuwanas in Aruba, and this includes eating them!

Turnip-tailed gecko

The turnip-tailed gecko is known locally as the Pega-Pega, meaning sticky-sticky, due to the way it sticks to walls using the suction in its little fingers. They are found inside houses, and are mostly a nocturnal animal.

According to Etnia Nativa, the local Pega Pega is immediately recognizable by its large size, with a body length of up to 12 cm, and its large, swollen tail, approximately the same length or slightly shorter than its body; females are larger and more robust than males. It has short, robust legs with flattened toes and extensive basal webbing.

The undersides of its toes are covered in lamellae,

which are used as friction pads to cling to smooth vertical surfaces. Some can even walk around completely upside down. Its toes are covered with ridges, which are peppered with millions of microscopic bristle-like structures called setae that attach and detach when the animal wills them to, and they never get gunked up.

They are variable in coloration, from a mottled dark gray to orange-brown, and are capable of changing color depending on their mood and surroundings. Mottled and banded markings aid in camouflage against tree bark. They are harmless and fragile; you can hold one in your hands as long as you are VERY gentle.

Never put pressure on its tail because it will surely drop as a measure to try to distract the predator, and they are different from other lizards because they're long-lived, talkative, lack eyelids, and their small scales are situated next to each other like cobblestones rather than overlapping as is the case in most other lizards.

Turnip-tailed Geckos are insectivorous and feed on cockroaches, grasshoppers, beetles, flies, mosquitoes, and spiders, which makes them the best pest control to have at home! They spend their days concealed in dark tree grooves

and cavities, in narrow crevices in the walls, or behind paintings, which provide the perfect shelter for them. Pega pega is a gecko endemic to our island, but in time, some 4-5 intrusive gecko species have been observed, some of which do not cease to amaze us with the racket they make, especially during the hours of the night. The Pega-pega *Phyllodactylus Julieni* is also a protected species in Aruba, by law. It is illegal to kill them!

Blue Kododo



These are one of the most striking lizards in Aruba, recognizable by the male's bright blue color. The Aruban whiptail lizard, *Cnemidophorus arubensis*, is a species endemic to Aruba, meaning you can only find it here on our One Happy Island! They are also recognized as the most common and populous lizard on the island. While the male is blue with white dots, the female is brown with blue dots.

These charming lizards eat mostly plants, such as flowers, nectar, leaves and fruits, and occasionally enjoy some insects. They are selective in which plants they eat, because of the toxins present in many available plants species. The Kododo help take care of Aruba's vegetation by playing a significant role in the dispersal of seeds for certain plants: when they

eat fruit, they excrete the seeds in diverse locations, contributing to the reproduction cycle of our local plants.

Striped anole



The striped anole (*Anolis lineatus*) that lives in Aruba is known locally as Waltaka or Toteki. This is a species of lizard in the family Dactyloidae, and they are native to Aruba and Curaçao. It is usually found in dry areas, commonly where there are not large trees; rather they enjoy rocks, walls or tree trunks, as they prefer to stay close to the ground.

These lizards are about 7cm in length, have a brown color with a stripe on each side and typically, several stripes on the body and tail that are lighter in color. It has a dewlap which is orange-yellow – and what's unique about this species is that it is the only known species of anole where the dewlap is asymmetrically colored, with one side being a deeper orange and the other side a lighter yellow. Mostly this is seen in the males, as it is almost imperceptible in the females. If the Toteki shows you his dewlap, retreat! This is not a friendly greeting!

Lizards are wonderful creatures that are precious to our fragile, local ecosystem. Please be mindful of these residents as you enjoy your stay.





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For today we received a lovely message from Ron Boninger and Patty Hruby from Scottsdale, AZ, USA.

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Aruba's first Ombudsman and what she can mean for you

(Oranjestad)—Last year Aruba marked a milestone with the introduction of the first Ombudsman of Aruba. Jurima Bryson, appointed on October 1st 2024, is proud to represent Aruba and is prepared to help both locals and tourists with their concerns.

What is the role of the Ombudsman?

In a nutshell, the Ombudsman is the middle man between you and government or semi-government



agencies. This means that as a local or as a visitor of Aruba, you can file a com-

plaint to the bureau of the Ombudsman against government and semi-govern-

ment agencies.

Already left the island? No problem. The Ombudsman of Aruba can still receive and handle your complaint even from abroad. You only have to provide a way for them to reach you.

Because this is the first time Aruba has an Ombudsman, the bureau office is still not in operation, but Ombudsman Bryson assured that the office will be open sometime in the

second half of the year. In the mean time, you can follow the bureau on Instagram and Facebook. "We provide almost daily information so they can understand the role of the Ombudsman, what she can do for them and which kinds of complaints they can submit."

Follow the ombudsman on Instagram: @ombudsmanaruba and Facebook: Ombudsman Aruba

Beautiful areas around Aruba

(Oranjestad)—Aruban born and bred Steve Francees has a passion for photography. Being a local photographer he knows the hidden gems of this island and captures them in an amazing way. Here are some of the most beautiful areas around Aruba.

The hidden Natural Bridge

Here in Aruba we have three natural bridges and many see this one on thinking that it's the world famous one but it's not. The why is easy, its way too dangerous to go down the cliff to reach this beauty and no tour companies will

do that. Some people refuse to go down due fear of height. To reach this beauty you must go to San Nicolas and drive up the hill till The Point Lighthouse, park your car and walk until you reach the east point coast and go left along the coastline and good luck going down the cliff.

Surfside Beach

This beach was very famous when we were kids and many locals love to swim at this beach. After some years the locals shifted to the more north-west beaches like Eagle, Boca Catalina and Arashi but

after the government renovated the whole area it got a new facelift and its back as a family beach and weekends are just amazing at this area.

Natural Bridge at Blackstone Beach

As mentioned, there are three natural bridges and this one is in the Arikok National Park. The other two Bridges you can visit by car but for this one you must have a 4X4 jeep or you will get stuck at the Andicuri Beach.



Planning on snorkeling? Get to know our “Dorado”

(Oranjestad)—If you’re ever planning on snorkeling during your vacation on Aruba, you may spot fish that you can’t recognize. One of these may be the “Dorado”, a common fish that swims all year long in the waters of Aruba. Here’s some information about the beloved Dorado.

Dorado has many different names it can be referred to. Dral, Dorao, Drals, Drado, are some of them in Papiamentu. In English, it is also called Mahi Mahi, Dolphinfish, or Dorado. It’s a good example to reflect on why there can be many names. The same fish becomes known by different common names, why? Common names come only when a group of people, to understand each other, assign a name

to a fish. Mahi Mahi, for example, comes from Hawaii and means “very strong”. Dorado is based on Spanish and refers to the golden yellow color that the fish shines with under the sun. Why it’s called Dolphinfish in English is not well defined and while there are several stories around this, none have been confirmed.

Dorado is found in all tropical to subtropical oceans around the world. Dorado is very popular both for recreational fishing and for consumption. It is known among fishermen as an exciting catch and a fish that puts up a good fight. Its meat is very good for consumption and it is also commercially fished for that reason.

They grow very fast, up to



2.7 inches (almost 7 cm) per week. They can live up to a maximum of 5 years although very few reach that age. Most become adults within 1 year but many become reproductive after just 5 or 6 months and reproduce very quickly too. They live in open water on the surface most of the time. Many fish seek them around sushi lines or float-

ing objects on the sea. Often you will find a group landing together and if you keep a male on the line, often the others will stay close or can keep the group interested by giving shrimp or squid.

Description:

Dorado has a distinctive body. It has a large tail and its long, flat body ends in a

large blunt head. Its color of yellow and green or blue makes it immediately recognizable, even with small variations in these colors.

Dorado has clear differences between adult females and males. The male is larger and can easily reach 50 to 80 pounds and has a much flatter head compared to the female. Therefore, male Dorados are also called “bull Dorado”.

Dorado can be found in our waters around the island all year round, but there are periods when it is easier to find than others.

Source: The Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (Santa Rosa).

Aruba’s neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names; Ayo & Alto Vista

(Oranjestad)—Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.

With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you’ll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

Ayo

Ajo, or Ayo, is a word with Arawak-Indian origin. A (or Ha) is an Indo-Antillean generalizing word. If you were to change a part of the word “Ayo”, namely ‘Yo’, to ‘Yu’ and make ‘Ayu’, it would mean “white.”

However, as we now know, the name of the neighborhood is ‘Ayo’. The word ‘Yo’ stands for Yocahu, which is another word for ‘creator’ in Arawak/Taino and in the Papiamentu spoken today, ‘Ayo’ means ‘bye’.

At Ayo, you can find some of the most well known rock formations. These formations became a well loved and visited attraction at Aruba that is held in high regards by both tourists and locals alike.

If you’d like to know more about the rock formations at Ayo, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all about its location and history.

This neighborhood’s abbreviation is; A.



Alto Vista

This word combination can be roughly translated to a ‘high point of view’ and the neighborhood received this name from the Hill.

In the surrounding areas, Domingo Antonia Silvestre built his by his own means the very first chapel or church of Aruba. The walls of this church were made with rocks but the roof was

made of dry corn stalks. The church was inaugurated by father Pablo Algemesi

If you’d like to know more about the Alto Vista Church’s beautiful history, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all you need to know about it for when you visit it.

This neighborhood’s abbreviation is; AV.



Place names in San Nicolas and their origins

(Oranjestad)—If you're ever taking a tour of Aruba, San Nicolas would definitely be on your itinerary. From relaxing on the white, sandy beaches of Baby and Roger's Beach, to exploring the prehistoric caves of Quadirikiri and Fontein, you are taking in a full view of what San Nicolas has to offer. But did you know that you are also passing through areas whose names have historical origins? Here are a few place names in San Nicolas and their origin story.

Sero Colorado

On your way to Baby or Roger's Beach, you'll pass by the famous Red Anchor at what was once the entrance to the Colony residential community and be greeted with red soiled hills by the coast. This is Sero



Colorado. Named after the 30-meter, deep red, limestone hill, "Sero Colorado" translates to "Colored Hill". Sero Colorado has deep historical ties with the once-thriving phosphate industry in the area. Matter of fact, there are still underground shafts and passages deep in Sero Colorado from the time of phosphate mining. In 1958, the refinery at the

time, Lago, adopted this name for the residential section of its employees.

Vader Piet

Another well visited area, Vader Piet is located in the Arikok National Park. Recognizable sites within this area includes the Wind Mills and the Quadirikiri Cave. The origin of this name is part historical and specula-

tion, as there are slight deviations from what actually happened.

In 1829, Pieter Lampe was a planter and the person responsible for governing this remote area. As the story goes, Pieter was well known and beloved for his kindness and good treatment of his employees, and was therefore also called Vader Piet (Father Piet). However, he was tragically murdered—some speculate at the hands of a slave. For his work and good heart, the area was named after him.

San Nicolas

Of course we can't forget San Nicolas itself. Much like Vader Piet, the origin of the name San Nicolas has so far two different accounts. In the literal sense, "San Nicolas" translates

to "Saint Nicolas", leading many to believe that this district was named after a Spanish saint. Though one account does support this with the theory that the district was named after the saint by Spanish colonizers, the other account is much less divine, but does refer to an influential figure in the area.

Nicolaas van der Biest was a successful landowner during the time of the phosphate boom in late 19th century Aruba. Back then, landowners (most, if not all of them men) were referred to as "Shon" by their subordinates. So, the district was originally named after Shon Nicolaas. Over time, the name evolved into what is now San Nicolas.

Source: "Aruba: Short History" by Dr. J. Hartog.

Know more about the Town Hall Eloy Arends building

The Monuments bureau shares some essential facts about the Town Hall known as the Eloy Arends building. The aim is to educate the community about the mansion's construction, history, and preservation.

The Doctor Eloy Arends building is located at the Wilhelminastraat 8 and was the home of the Arends family. It was the first building that the Monuments bureau, and the Government

of Aruba, restored in 1997. Mr. Medardo 'Dada' Picus, was the architect of this Aruban-Caribbean building. The building sits on a 1.545 m² plot of land and is a typical Aruban mansion. It is an open home with false walls that allow the connection of the rooms with each other.

The entrance has large doors and columns supporting the floor of the upper balcony. In between



the columns, there are decoration details made out of wood. The elaborately detailed embellishment is known as gingerbread trim and the triangular decorative wall surface over the columns is called the tympanum.

The top of the doors and windows have stained glass.

The building is not built on ground level but at approximately 1.5 meters above ground level. This mansion elevation created storage below the wooden floors and allowed proper ventilation.

The building has lots of win-

dows which allow plenty of light inside, as well as good ventilation.

It has dormer windows and crowns on the outside part of the roof and different decorations on the edges of the walls and facade.

This is a stunning building full of beautiful details that resemble its beauty and transform into a history of love. Aruban tradition for "well-to-do" families dictates that before a man gets married, he has to present his future wife with a newly built and fully furnished house. It was certainly the case with this building.

Due to the engagement between Eloy Arends and Monica Lacle (daughter of Adriaan Lacle, who is mainly known for the boulevard that bears his name), the construction of the mansion began in 1922 and was completed in 1925 when the couple got married.

The Office of the Civil Registry is located in the adjacent building, whereas the mansion hall is used exclusively for civil wedding ceremonies.

The Monuments bureau will continue to contribute and educate the community about the history of our monuments with significant value for Aruba.

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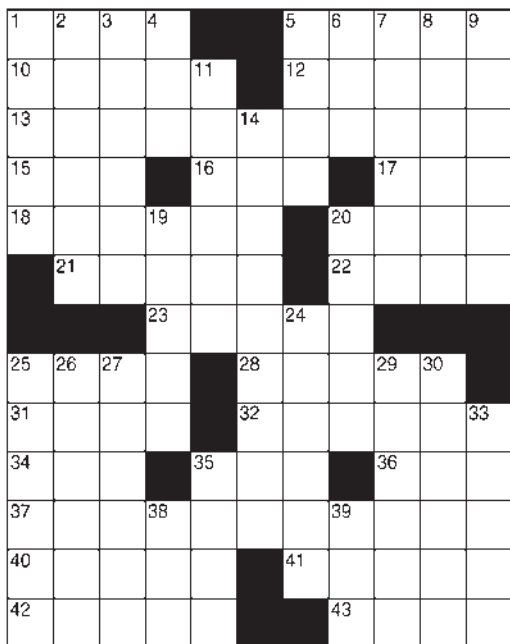
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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TUE	16	CARNIVAL HORIZON	09.00	23.00	C	1

Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



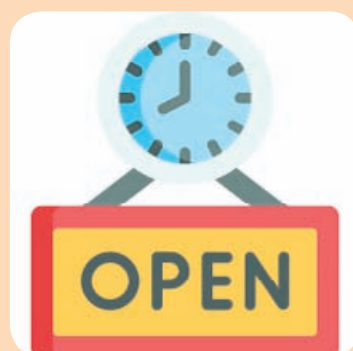
Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku



Difficulty: ★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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7	2	8	9	6	1	5	3	4
1	4	9	3	5	8	6	7	2

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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AI shakes up the call center industry, but some tasks are still better left to the humans

By **KEN SWEET**
AP Business Writer
NEW YORK (AP) —

Armen Kirakosian remembers the frustrations of his first job as a call center agent nearly 10 years ago: the aggravated customers, the constant searching through menus for information and the notes he had to physically write for each call he handled.

Thanks to artificial intelligence, the 29-year-old from Athens, Greece, is no longer writing notes or clicking on countless menus. He often has full customer profiles in front of him when a person calls in and may already know what problem the customer has before even saying "hello." He can spend more time actually serving the customer.

"A.I. has taken (the) robot out of us," Kirakosian said. Roughly 3 million Americans work in call center jobs, and millions more work in call centers around the world, answering billions of inquiries a year about everything from broken iPhones to orders for shoes. Kirakosian works for TTEC, a company that provides third party customer service lines in 22 countries to companies in industries such as autos and banking that need extra capacity or have outsourced their call center operations. Answering these calls can be thankless work. Roughly half of all customer service agents leave the job after a year, according to McKinsey, with stress and monotonous work being among the reasons employees quit.

Much of what these agents deal with is referred to in the industry as "break/fix," which means something is broken — or wrong or confusing — and the customer expects the person on the phone to fix the problem. Now, it's a question of who will be tasked with the fix: a human, a computer, or a human augmented by a computer.

Already, AI agents have taken over more routine call center tasks. Some jobs



Armen Kirakosian, Global Senior Manager, Learning & Development TTEC poses in Athens, Greece, Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025.

have been lost and there have been dire forecasts about the future job market for these individuals, ranging from modest single-percentage point losses, to as many as half of all call center jobs going away in the next decade. The drop likely won't match the more dire predictions, however, because it's become evident that the industry will still need humans, perhaps with even higher levels of learning and training, as some customer service issues become increasingly harder to solve.

Some finance companies have already experimented with going all in on AI for their customer service issues only to run into AI's limitations. Klarna, the Swedish buy now, pay later company, replaced its 700-person customer service department with chatbots and

AI in 2023. The results were mixed. While the company did save money, overall customer satisfaction rates dropped as well. Earlier this year, Klarna hired a handful of customer service employees back to the firm, acknowledging there were certain issues that AI couldn't handle as well as a real person, like identity theft.

"Our vision of an AI-first contact center, where AI agents handle the majority of conversations and fewer, better trained and better paid human agents support only the most complex tasks, is quickly becoming a reality," said Gadi Shamia of Replicant, an AI-software company that trains chatbots to sound more human, in an interview with consultants at McKinsey.

The call center custom-

er's experience, while improved, is still far from perfect. □

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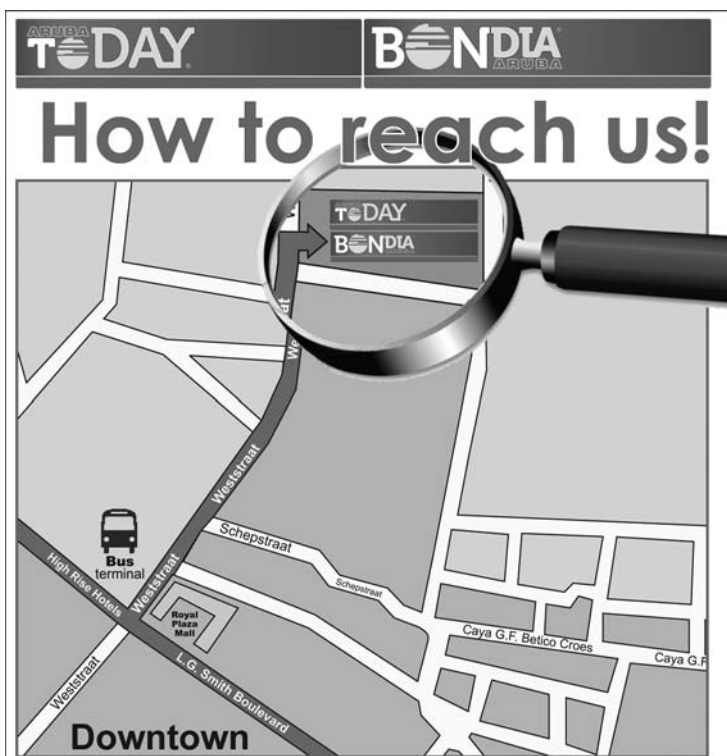
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ARUBA TODAY NEWS

Ralieggh hits major league-leading 53rd homer, Mariners rout Braves 18-2 with most runs since 2012

By **RICK FARLOW**
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ATLANTA (AP) — Cal Raleigh his major league-leading 53rd home run and the Seattle Mariners had 20 hits as they scored their most runs since 2012 in an 18-2 rout of the Atlanta Braves on Sunday. Eugenio Suárez homered twice, raising his season total to 45, and Jorge Polanco and Josh Naylor also went deep as the Mariners hit five homers in consecutive games for the second time in team history, the first since May 20-21, 1994. Polanco and Naylor homered in eight-run third inning and Raleigh hit a three-run drive in a seven-run ninth, giving him 113 RBIs. Suárez hit a solo homer in the sixth and a two-run shot in the



Seattle Mariners' Cal Raleigh hits a three-run home run in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, in Atlanta.

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ninth. May 30, 2012, and its most hits since getting 20 in that game against the Rangers.

The Mariners won consecutive games for the first time since Aug. 24 against the Athletics and the following day vs. San Diego. Seattle (75-68) has a 1 1/2-game lead over Texas (74-70) for the third and last AL wild card. The Rangers lost for the third time in four games following a six-game winning streak. Luis Castillo (9-8) allowed one run and four hits in six innings. Atlanta scratched scheduled starter Spencer Strider on Sunday morning and pushed him back to Tuesday against the Chicago Cubs. Joey Wentz (5-6) gave up eight runs, matching his career high, and eight hits in 2 1/3 innings. Key moment

After Raleigh' singled in the third, Julio Rodríguez hit a sharp potential double-play grounder that deflected off third baseman Nacho Alvarez Jr.'s left thigh and into left for a three-run double that put the Mariners ahead 4-0. Key stat Castillo won for the first time since July 28 after going 0-2 with a 7.31EWRA in his previous six starts. Up next Mariners: RHP Bryan Woo (12-7, 3.02) starts at home on Monday night against St. Louis RHP Miles Mikolas (7-10, 4.89). Braves: RHP Bryce Elder (6-9, 5.54) starts Monday night's series opener against the Cubs and LHP Shoto Imanaga (6-9, 3.15). □

Aaron Rodgers throws 4 TD passes in his Steelers debut, leads 34-32 comeback win over Jets

By **DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**
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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)

— Aaron Rodgers threw four touchdown passes in his Steelers debut, including two in a 50-second span in the second half, and Chris Boswell kicked a go-ahead 60-yard field goal with 1:03 remaining to lead Pittsburgh to a 34-32 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday. With the Steelers trailing the season opener 32-31, Rodgers got the ball against his former team with just over three minutes left and led the offense into Jets territory. On fourth-and-11 from the 42, Steelers coach Mike Tomlin opted for a field goal try and Boswell easily made the kick. The Jets, who lost in coach Aaron Glenn's debut, had a chance to drive for a potential winning field goal when they got the ball back with 56 seconds remaining. On fourth-and-3, Justin Fields connected with Garrett Wilson for what could've been a first down — but Jalen Ramsey smacked into the Jets re-



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (8) and wide receiver Ben Skowronek (15) react after connecting for a pass and catch touchdown against the New York Jets during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, in East Rutherford, N.J.

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ceiver, who couldn't hold onto the ball. The 41-year-old Rodgers then just needed to take a knee to cap a successful return to the stadium he called home the past two seasons. He was 22 of 30 for 244 yards with TD passes to Calvin Austin III, Jaylen

Warren, Jonnu Smith and Ben Skowronek. Fields, also playing against his former team, ran for his second touchdown of the game to put the Jets ahead 32-31 with 7:01 remaining when he faked a handoff to Breece Hall and rolled to his right and high-

low block. Officials then announced they made a mistake and the penalty was actually on Ramsey — who also wears No. 5 — and it kept the Jets' drive alive. Fields became the first player since at least 1948 to throw for 200 or more yards and a TD and run for 50 or more yards and two scores in a season opener. He finished 16 of 22 for 218 yards with a TD pass to Wilson. Fields also ran for 48 yards on 12 carries. The turning point came in the fourth quarter when Rodgers, who was released by the Jets in the offseason, threw his third TD pass when he found a wide-open Warren for a 5-yard score that cut Pittsburgh's deficit to 26-24. The Steelers got the ball right back when Kenneth Gainwell forced Xavier Gipson to fumble the kick-off and Skowronek recovered at the Jets 22 on the game's first turnover. Rodgers took advantage two plays later, throwing an 18-yard TD pass to Austin to put the Steelers up 31-26 with 14:07 left. □

Carlos Alcaraz beats rival Jannik Sinner at the U.S. Open for a 6th Slam title and the No. 1 ranking

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NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Alcaraz reasserted his superiority over Jannik Sinner with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory Sunday in the U.S. Open final — the third Grand Slam tournament in a row where these elite, young rivals met to decide the champion — for his second trophy at Flushing Meadows and sixth overall at a major.

President Donald Trump sat in a sponsor's suite in Arthur Ashe Stadium and received a mix of cheers and boos when he offered a wave beforehand and again when he was shown on videoboards after the first set. The match's start was delayed by about a half-hour because thousands of fans were still outside in line, trying to get through the extra security measures in place because of the presence of a sitting president at the tournament for the first time since Bill Clinton in 2000.

Perhaps the extra wait got the No. 1-seeded Sinner, who was the defending champion. Right from the beginning under a closed roof because of rain earlier in the day, No. 2 Alcaraz was better as he sought to reverse the result from when they met at the All England Club less than two months ago.

He did just that, putting his leads over Sinner at 10-5 in their head-to-head series, 6-4 in major trophies, and 2-1 in U.S. Open championships. Plus, this win allowed Alcaraz, a 22-year-old from Spain, to take away the No. 1 ranking from Sinner, a 24-year-old from Italy.

These two guys are so, so much better than the rest of men's tennis at the moment.

They have combined to collect the past eight Slam trophies in a row, and 10 of 13. Novak Djokovic, whom Alcaraz eliminated in Friday's semifinals, took the other three in that span.

Sunday's showdown represented the first time in



Carlos Alcaraz, of Spain, reacts after defeating Jannik Sinner, of Italy, to win the men's singles final of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, in New York.

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tennis history that the same two men played each other in three consecutive

Slam finals within a single season.

This hard-court matchup

followed Alcaraz's victory over Sinner after erasing a trio of match points on the French Open's red clay in June, and Sinner's victory over Alcaraz on Wimbledon's grass in July. Both Sinner, who had won his past 27 hard-court matches at majors, and Alcaraz offered glimpses of why they are so good, although it was rare that both were at their best simultaneously on this occasion.

Alcaraz was elite in the first, third and fourth sets, Sinner's top efforts arrived in the second.

In sum, Alcaraz was better and for longer, ending up with twice as many winners, 42-21.

Since the start of the 2024 U.S. Open, Sinner had won 33 of 34 matches at the majors and Sunday was his fifth straight final at those events. The loss? To Alcaraz at Roland-Garros.

Indeed, over the last two seasons, Sinner is now 1-7 against Alcaraz and 109-4 against everyone else.

Alcaraz, meanwhile, has won 37 of 38 contests since May. The loss? To Sinner at the All England Club — also Alcaraz's lone defeat in a Slam final.

In 2025, Alcaraz now has more tournament titles (a tour-leading seven) than losses (his record is 61-6, also the best in men's tennis). □



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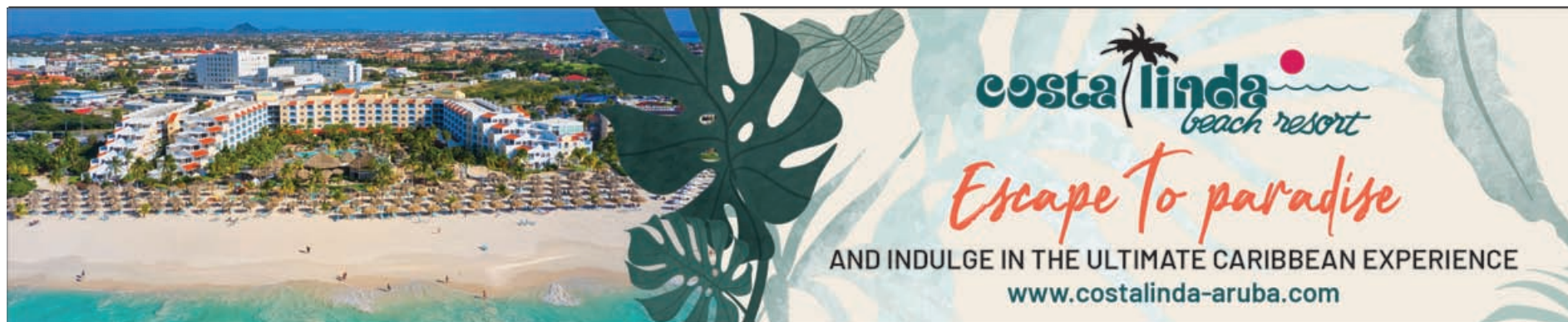
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